

April 27, 2019

Nunavut Water Board
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RE: 8WLC-LEP1617 and NPC Application 149144

To whom it may concern:

We would like to conduct paleontological research on Ellesmere Island near Strathcona Fiord and Vendom Fiord, in specific regions where the ages of the sediment are important to the science we hope to accomplish. We are a team of nine scientists and technologists who are studying the history of vegetation and animal changes using the fossil record.

This year again we are applying for use of drinking water without a license at the Fyles Leaf Bed and Beaver Pond Site locations, near Strathcona Fiord) during July 1 to 13, 2019. In addition, four scientists may camp near the glacier margin east of Vendom Fiord for 0 to 2 days during that two week period (we are unsure if the potential fossil sites in Vendom Fiord will warrant the need to camp overnight).

No mechanized equipment was or will be used at any of the sites (including ATVs) and no physical structures were or will be left. We did not impact the quality of water, or alter any streams that we used to source our drinking water in the short times (usually less than 2 weeks) that we visited any site.

Because we hope to return to the sites covered under 3BC-LEP1010 and 8WLC-LEP1617 in future years, we have not implemented our final abandonment procedures, so we will not request a certification of closure or completion yet.

With your permission, we hope to access this summer (2019) both sites included in this previous Nunavut Water Board license (near Strathcona Fiord) and use water for drinking and cleaning dishes. I remain,

Yours truly,



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